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Specification under the Cross-Reference to Related Applications section (or create such a section): "This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/399,122, filed September 20, 1999, which is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/781,278 filed January 10, 1997, which is herein incorporated by reference."

In the Claims

Please cancel in this application, original claims 2 through 36 of the prior application, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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